

REMARKS

In response to the Requirement for Restrictions of July 23, 2010, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 9 – 15 and 26 – 35 in Group II, which are drawn to a process for preparing a bicyclic glycopeptide compound of formula (I-A).

The claims encompassed within Group II are 9 – 15, 27, 29, 31 and 35.

As required by the Examiner, Applicants hereby make the following elections in accordance with the requirements of the Examiner set forth at item 7, pages 5 and 6 of the Office Action:

- R1, R2 and R3 are COR4 wherein R4 is methyl (see claim 11 and Ex. 11);
- coupling agent is 1-[bis(dimethylamino)methylene-1H-benzotriazolium-3-oxide (HATU);
- the solvent in claim 9 is dimethylformamide (DMF)
- the tertiary amine in claim 23 (and in claim 1) is N-methyl-morpholine (NMM)
- the catalyst (claims 25 and 27) is 10% Pd/C in DMF;
- the acid treatment is made with HCl (possibly in methanol)
- the base treatment (in claim 33 – 35) is carried out with sodium methoxide in methyl alcohol (ex. 8b).

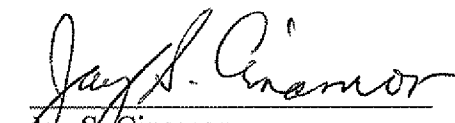
Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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